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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SIVARAMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Ramy M. Osman

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-13, 19 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This communication is responsive to applicants amendment filed on May 22, 2007, where applicant elected Group *I*, i.e. claims 1-7,14-18, and withdrew Group *II* i.e claims 8-13,19,20. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 1-7,14-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Singhal et al (US Patent No 6925481).**

4. In reference to claims 1,17,18, Singhal teaches a method and a corresponding device for generating a request by a first device to retrieve information relating to at least one data store, characterized by generating said request by including:

at least one data store descriptor suitable for characterizing said at least one data store

(column 10 lines 15-35);

and

a command for instructing a second device to identify at least one data store matching with said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information (column 13 lines 33-54), and transmitting said generated request to said second device (column 10 lines 29-35).

5. In reference to claim 2, Singhal teaches a method according to claim 1, characterized in that said generating comprises: identifying said at least one data store descriptor to be coded (column 13 lines 30-55).

6. In reference to claim 3, Singhal teaches method according to claim 1, characterized in that said at least one data store descriptor comprises at least one data type descriptor relating to at least one data content type (column 13 lines 30-55).

7. In reference to claim 4, Singhal teaches a method according to claim 3, characterized in that said data type descriptor is a MIME content type definition (column 15 lines 1-8).

8. In reference to claim 5, Singhal teaches a method according to claim 1, characterized in that said information relating to said at least one data store includes an address information for accessing said at least one data store (column 13 lines 30-55).

9. In reference to claim 6, Singhal teaches a method according to claim 1, wherein said request is based on the synchronization markup language (SyncML) protocol (column 6 lines 7-15).

10. In reference to claim 7, Singhal teaches a method according to claim 6, characterized in that said command of said request is a modified ALERT command having a specific ALERT CODE and including a META element containing a TYPE element for defining said at least one data store descriptor (column 13 lines 20-67).

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11. In reference to claims 14-16, are respectively a software tool, a computer program, and a computer program product, all executed on a computer to perform the operations of claim 1.

Claims 14-16 are rejected based upon the same rationale as used to reject claim 1.

Conclusion

12. Applicant is advised that the above specified citations of the relied upon prior art are only representative of the teachings of the prior art, and that the entirety of the reference (including any figures, incorporation by references, and claims) is being applied to teach the scope of the claims. It is respectfully requested that applicant consider the reference as a whole when preparing a response.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

See attached Form 892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramy M. Osman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4008.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

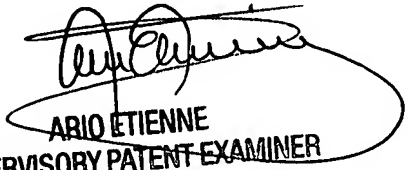
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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